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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY-- PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS--  
QATAR

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1. SINCE QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN KEEPING HIMSELF  
INCOMMUNICADO DURING RAMADAN FAST, ON SEPT 19 WE DISCUSSED UNGA  
ISSUES ALONG LINES OF REFTEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABDULLAH AL ATTIAH WHO HIGHEST RANKING SUB-  
STANTIVE OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. ALTHOUGH AL ATTIAH LISTENED CAREFULLY TO OUR PRESENTATION  
HE WAS TYPICALLY UNRESPONSIVE TO MOST OF OUR POINTS WITH FOLLOWING  
EXCEPTIONS:

A. KOREA: HE SAID HE EXPECTED GOQ WOULD FOLLOW LAST YEAR'S  
PATTERN OF ABSTENTION ON BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS  
UNLESS ARAB BLOC CONSENSUS OR OTHER TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ON  
SCENE DURING DEBATE INDICATED OTHERWISE.

B. SOUTHERN AFRICA: ACCORDING ATTIAH, GOQ, IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY AND GOQ'S ANTI-APARTHEID POSTURE,  
WOULD STAND WITH BLACK AFRICANS ON THESE ISSUES. HE EXPRESSED  
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HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S CURRENT MISSION.

3. IN ABSENCE OF COMMENT, BUT FROM OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, QATARIS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A. MIDDLE EAST: GOQ WILL GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY OF ARABS ON ANTI-ISRAEL ACTIONS, BE THESE EXTREME OR MODERATE. WE RAISED MIDDLE EAST ONLY IN MOST GENERAL TERMS, UNDERLINING U.S. DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, WHICH GOQ BOTH APPROVES AND ENCOURAGES.

B. WESTERN SAHARA: QATARIS HAVE STOOD FIRMLY WITH MOROCCO ON THIS DISPUTE.

C. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE: GOQ HAS ENDORSED PROPOSAL, MOST RECENTLY AT COLOMBO SUMMIT.

D. ECONOMIC ISSUES, COMMODITIES, ETC: QATARIS FOLLOW GROUP OF 77 CONSENSUS AND PARROT RHETORIC ON NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. AS OPEC COUNTRY, GOQ FAVORS INDEXATION OF OIL PRICES, AND PRESUMABLY WOULD SUPPORT PRICE INDEXATION OF OTHER COMMODITIES.

4. ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HEAD QATARI DELEGATION FOR ABOUT TEN-DAY PERIOD IN OCTOBER (SEPTTEL), PERMREP JASIM JAMAL WILL CALL MOST OF SHOTS FOR GOQ DURING SESSION. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE ADVISABLE FOR USUN TO KEEP JAMAL BRIEFED, RECOGNIZING HIS SENSITIVITY THAT CONTACTS WITH HIM BE MADE BY A SENIOR MISSION OFFICER.

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